

# ANNUAL REPORTS

—OF THE—

Selectmen, Overseer of the Poor,

TREASURER AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

—OF THE—

TOWN <sup>of</sup> THORNTON

—FOR THE—

Fiscal Year Ending March 1, 1875.

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## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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The Selectmen of the town of Thornton charge themselves as follows :

Received on notes,	\$8,962 02
" W. C. Merrill for barrel,	2 00
" W. V. B. Paige part support of H. Paige,	52 00
" State Treasurer bear bo inty,	12 00
"         " Savings Bank Tax,	44 61
"         " Literary Fund,	77 08
" County aid on New Road,	200 00
"         " Support of Paupers,	138 22
N. H. Weeks interest Taylor fund,	103 00
J. R. Drake, town officer,	2 50
	\$9,593 43

### Paid School Agents.

District No. 1,	W. C. Merrill	\$ 73 00
" 2,	G. W. Fifield	110 94
" 3,	D. Foss	50 68
" 4,	R. Johnson	
" 5,	A. H. Kendall	114 90
" 6,	F. A. Barnard	94 51
" 7,	H. Merrill	45 00
" 8,	B. F. Smith	66 40
" 9,	A. P. Wood jr.	27 00
" 11,	C. F. Plummer	54 00
" 12,	Jesse Hart	51 68
		\$688 11

## Covered Bridge.

W. H. Gordon, work,	\$ 37 00
J. T. Wood, “	18 00
Am. Bolt Co.,	126 28
B. C. & M. R. R., Freight on Bolts,	10 30
F. A. Mitchel, work,	35 75
E. Mitchel, “	25 00
J. Dustin, “	18 06
J. M. Fogg, “	11 50
E. Emmons, nails,	3 96
C. R. Emmons, work,	2 00
S. D. Fadden, “	10 00
O. F. James, “	1 00
Reuben Ham, timber,	33 28
Benj. Steel, work,	4 50
V. G. Durgin, “	14 50

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\$351 13

## Miscellaneous Bills.

Campbell & Hanscomb, printing Reports 1873,	\$ 30 00
O. F. James board Selectmen and others 1873,	24 00
C. G. Avery damage on sheep,	12 50
J. Johnson water trough 1873,	3 00
S. Corliss care town house,	6 00
M. J. Hazeltine books Payne's children,	1 68
W. Willey, watering trough 1873,	1 50
B. W. Sabborn books and blanks,	13 37
M. S. Brown, plank,	7 17
E. P. Elkins, bear bounty,	4 00
C. Cutter, preambulating line,	1 50
A. B. Demerit “	3 75
I. H. Wyatt, bear bounty,	4 00
State Tax,	492 00
E. P. Elkins, bear bounty,	4 00
J. Burrows, counsel on new road,	26 00
C. R. Emmons, watering trough,	3 00
H. H. Constantine, “ “	3 00



J. Chapman, preambulating line 1871,	4 00
Wm. Merrill, horse hire and assistance,	3 25
E. Dale, school money,	1 76
A. Lyford, watering trough,	3 00
R. Johnson, school house district No. 4,	15 38
J. Johnson, damage " " "	15 00
J. Percival, watering trough,	1 50
B. Steel, " "	3 00
County tax,	525 58
J. Colby, watering trough,	3 00
E. Elliott, money paid out,	14 06
W. H. Gordon, " "	7 87
Jessie Hart, school house tax district No. 12,	22 10

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\$1,259 97

### Town Officers' Bills.

E. Elliot, services as Selectman and Overseer of The Poor	\$ 83 50
W. H. Gordon, Ditto	43 00
J. F. Morrill " "	82 00
J. W. Pattee, services as Town Clerk	19 75
J. F. Morrill, Supt. School Committee	25 06
O. F. James, Treasurer	50 00
J. F. Morrill, extra services Dist. No. 4	10 00
O. F. James, Selectman and money paid out in 1873	5 10
B. M. B. Selingham, Ditto	3 00

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\$321 35

### County Pauper Bills.

W. W. Foss, support of S. Foss	\$ 39 10
H. M. Tobyne, for C. Knowles	8 50
C. H. Weeks, goods for B. Tucker	12 50
" " John Tucker	16 44
" " S. Foss	3 50
S. Taylor, shoes " "	2 75
W. P. Robinson, goods " "	1 00
O. H. James, flour for M. L. Johnson	2 40
E. G. Guilford, medical services to paupers	15 75

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## Bills after March 1st, 1874, by 1873 Selectmen.

J. W. Pattee, services Town Clerk	\$ 19 21
“ guide boards	6 00
F. A. Barnard on note	25 00
C. F. Dow, work on highway	3 37
C. P. Sargent, school money 1873	17 94
C. Shute, Auditor	2 00
M. J. Hazeltine, “	2 00
M. B. Cone “	2 50
A. A. Durgin, work on road	12 00
C. Foss, work on bridge	5 75
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	\$ 95 77

## Roads and Bridges 1874--5.

O. P. Gilman, plank,	\$ 11 06
A. P. Payne, labor,	19 36
S. B. Elliott, labor on Sandwich road,	3 75
G. W. Elliott, plank and labor on Sandwich road,	28 75
T. J. Gilman, labor,	8 25
Hannah Shores, plank,	13 29
N. S. Woodbury, labor,	7 00
C. B. Calden, “	2 00
John Colby, lumber and labor,	18 62
M. & D Foss,	35 90
D. Peaslee, lumber and work,	44 30
B. L. Peaslee, work,	5 50
A. Merrill,	3 03
E. Elliott, work on Sandwich road,	10 40
J. Williams,	25 35
Reuben Ham,	11 50
E. T. Whitney, plank,	7 84
B. M. B. Selingham, work,	20 75
O. F. James, plank,	26 06
A. Robie,	6 50
W. H. Gordon,	17 50
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	\$326 71

# Town Pauper Bills.

Handiah Shores, support of Willie Merrill		\$ 75 37
W. W. Foss,	" S. Foss	26 22
A. A. Durgin,	" Jerusha Hart	108 25
"	" H. Paige	125 00
Town of Ashland	" J. W. Tucker family	94 20
Ruth E. Boynton	" M. E. Blake	11 15
Maria Whiteman	" "	57 75
A. Foss,	" S. Foss, 1873 bill	5 00
C. H. Weeks, goods for B. Tucker		11 25
T. Wyatte,	" J. W. Tucker	1 05
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		\$515 24

# Paid on Notes.

Peter Walker	\$1,260 77
N. Boynton	1,100 00
H. L. Johnson	305 00
F. A. Barnard	472 78
J. Yourtillott	94 32
D. Blaisdell	1,073 38
Joseph Sanborn	952 25
J. M. Hart	712 90
Betsey Paige	40 00
E. Elliott	526 90
Phebe Cross	44 17
Orrin Cone	138 41
W. A. Smith	576 32
M. E. Selingham	23 40
A. B. Cook	393 18
L. E. Boynton	150 00
F. A. Gordon	20 00
Josephene Brown	375 94
F. A. Heath	102 00
G. W. Keniston	529 17
Mehitable Foss	12 00
A. Caldron	16 80
S. A. Homans	53 76
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\$8,973 95	



## Roads and Bridges 1873.

G. W. Hackett,	\$ 2 25
J. M. Fogg,	12 00
F. W. Avery,	6 30
G. R. Tucker,	2 08
H. Johnson,	4 62
S. Rowe,	30 00
F. A. Marden,	1 50
Lyford and Gilman,	4 37
F. Fox,	5 89
J. F. Morrill,	17 59
T. J. Gilman, lumber,	9 00
D. Peaslee,	5 17
R. A. Horner,	9 95
Pitman Avery,	6 75
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	\$117 46

## Paid on New Road.

Hiram Gordon,	\$ 9 00
V. G. Durgin,	8 00
C. Cutter,	1 50
A. A. Straw,	1 50
R. Johnson,	1 50
W. C. Merrill,	3 75
C. R. Emmons,	3 00
A. Ham,	3 75
M. M. Brown,	6 80
William Straw,	8 34
R. T. Carter,	4 56
D. H. Moulton,	12 00
W. H. Gordon,	67 50
Damage on land,	150 00
J. Moulton,	11 71
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	\$292 91



## Indebtedness--Due on Notes.

Peter Walker	\$1,060 00
A. Lyford	1,133 00
M. Greely	2,113 00
Lizzie Greely	\$1,060 00
J. B. Selingham	1,432 00
Mary O. Boynton	346 00
Alonzo Keniston	1,730 00
S. C. Robinson	1,590 00
L. E. Boynton	52 00
C. H. Boynton	340 00
S. J. Keniston	1,988 00
C. & B. Shute	28 00
Emily Durgin	62 00
Moses Boynton	100 00
H. F. Durgin	312 00
R. C. Sanborn	364 00
S. B. Elliott	21 00
Minnie Elliott	17 00
S. A. Selingham	62 00
Phebe Cross	618 00
H. E. Boynton	103 00
J. R. Davis	206 00
L. M. Paige	103 00
C. Durgin	102 00
R. R. Carlton	128 00
J. T. Clough	154 00
H. L. Johnson	265 00
A. P. Wood jr.	102 00
S. A. Homans, \$100 of this note never reported before	354 00
Sarah Steel	528 00
E. L. Foss	3,860 00
Herod Fifield, guardian	400 00
H. M. Fifield	51 00
F. M. Fogg	5 00
R. E. Sanborn	66 00
J. A. Sanborn	41 00

M. W. Hazeltine	41 00
E. G. Foss	428 00
H. E. Hannaford	1,754 00
Arthur Merrill	848 00
C. Shute	140 00
C. Foss	266 00
L. G. Lyford	50 00
B. L. Peaslee	493 00
A. P. Wood	530 00
John Carlton	112 00
M. D. Way	189 00
A. A. Durgin	181 00
A. Caldon	280 00
Lewis Dearborn	22 00
C. E. Dearborn	11 00
E. Elliott	160 00
F. A. Gordon	56 00
E. H. Merrill	166 00
L. J. Jackman	5 00
Geo. Jenkins	309 00
G. W. Keniston	3,104 00
C. F. Plummer	55 00
Carter Foss	83 00
J. H. Peaslee	1,673 00
M. R. Peaslee	57 00
Betsy Page	258 00
M. L. Page	432 00
M. E. Selingham	25 00
J. R. Selingham	14 00
E. M. Steel	21 00
Willis Sanborn	35 00
B. M. B. Selingham	146 00
O. Vincent	20 00
F. C. Woodbury	112 00
S. J. Woodbury	286 00
Mehitable Foss	200 00
N. S. Woodbury	182 00
Clark Merrill,	560 00
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	\$34,140 00

## Assets.

In Collectors hands for 1868,	\$ 30 00
“ “ “ “ 1873,	816 00
“ “ “ “ 1874,	2,500 00
Due from the State Bear Bounty,	12 00
“ “ County, Support of paupers,	84 79
In hands of Treasurer,	2,201 05
Liquors, barrels & Co.,	93 00
Interest due on Taylor fund,	88 00
	<hr/> \$5,824 84
Amount of Liabilities,	\$ 34,140 00
Less Assets,	5,824 00
	<hr/> \$28,315 16

## Statement of Taylor Fund.

C. F. Bowen farm,	\$ 205 00
R. A. Horner,	63 17
J. W. Pattee,	200 00
N. H. Weeks,	265 00
Town of Thornton	312 86
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## School Fund.

Town of Thornton,	\$1,262 50
Albert Barnard,	50 00
	<hr/> \$1,312 50

EPHRAIM ELLIOTT } *Selectmen*  
 WILLIAM H. GORDON } *of*  
 J. F. MORRILL } *Thornton.*

## Town Treasurer's Report for the year ending March 1st, 1875.

Cash in Treasury March 1, 1874	\$ 79 17
Recd. of H. F. Durgin Col. 1866	49 19
“ M. B. Cone “ 1867	98 10
“ H. Fifield “ 1869	58 33
“ C. H. Weeks “ 1871	306 48
“ “ “ 1872	750 88
“ “ “ 1873	1,535 40
“ M. B. Cone “ 1874	2,774 61
“ The Selectmen	9,593 43
	<hr/> \$15,245 59

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By cash paid by order of Selectmen	\$13,044 54
“ in Treasury March 1st, 1875	2,201 05
	<hr/> \$15,245 59

## Recapitulation.

Cash in Treasury, March 1st, 1874,	\$ 79 17
Recieved of the Selectmen,	9,593 43
“ “ Collectors,	5,572 99
	<hr/> \$15,245 59
School Agents,	\$ 688 11
Roads and Bridges, 1873,	117 46
New Road,	292 91
Covered Bridge,	351 13
Roads and Bridges, 1874,	326 71
Miscellaneous Bills,	1,259 97
Town Officers' Bills,	321 35
County Pauper Bills,	101 94
Town Pauper Bills,	515 24



Bills after March 1st, 1874, by 1873 Selectmen,	95 77
Paid on Notes,	8,973 95
Cash in Treasury March 1st, 1875,	2,201 05
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	\$15,245 59

ORRIN F. JAMES, *Town Treasurer.*

This certifies that we have critically examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer of the town of Thornton for the year ending March 1, 1875, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

ALBERT LYFORD }  
 HEROD FIFIELD } *Auditors.*  
 WOODY B. CONE }

## Report of the School Committee.

The law requires the School Committee to report annually the condition of schools in town, I therefore most respectfully submit the following:

The design of a committee's report is more to show the defects than to point out the excellencies.

1st. The first defect then, which he would mention is that which causes most other defects, viz:—a lack of general interest.

2d. Want of co-operation with teachers. In nine cases out of ten where there are difficulties, they might be overcome if parents would listen less to what their children say, and quietly consult the teacher.

3d. There is not one decent, respectable school-house in our town. This is a standing disgrace, and should be remedied at once. Parents should interest themselves in this matter, and in the language of my predecessor, "your committee hopes the failure to attend to this matter in the past will not be repeated the coming year."

DISTRICT No. 1. The first term taught by Miss Addie J. Worthen. The only fault your committee learned in regard to this school was in respect to the age and inexperience of the teacher. Miss Worthen is a thorough scholar and in the opinion of your committee, will become an excellent teacher. The second term taught by Miss F. A. Evans; superior instruction; decided improvement; the greatest lack was that of discipline.

DIST. No. 2. Miss I. M. Morrill taught the first term. This was Miss Morrill's first school; good order, fair instruction, improvement in some of the classes creditable. C. E. Mann, teacher, winter term. If the teacher would maintain good order he would place himself in the front rank of teachers.

DIST. No. 3. But one term, taught by Julia Foss. The school was small but appeared very well.

DIST. No. 4. Mrs. Olive Weeks. The order was good, and the instruction thorough. The teacher fully sustained her well known reputation as a teacher.

DIST. No. 5. Teacher both terms, Miss Ada Phillips. Considerable effort was necessary to bring the school into a good condition, but Miss Phillips succeeded full as well as could be expected, and proved herself to be well qualified for the task.

DIST. No. 6. Miss S. J. Kinsman taught both terms. Everything to commend, excelent teacher, well behaved scholars and "tip top" school in every respect.

DIST. No. 7. Mrs. Olive Weeks. Again Mrs. Weeks showed herself to be "mistress of the situation." It would be difficult for a teacher however good to make this school what it should be in one term, but the teacher fully convinced the scholars that she had "some rights which they were bound to respect." She sustained herself well and was generally liked.

DIST. No. 8. C. E. Mann, teacher. His method of teaching is good. Instruction patient and through, the school generally satisfactory.

DIST. No. 9. Miss Lavinia Carter taught this school. The school would have succeeded better if the teacher had maintained better order and if she had been better sustained by the parents.

DIST. No. 11. Miss Olive Gilman, an accomplished lady, and an excellent teacher, taught this school. Success was ensured when the prudential committee engaged her. Parents do not realize how much they are indebted to a good teacher.

DIST. No. 12. One term, taught by Miss Emma Hanson; order perfect, improvement marked. Her faithfulness and zeal for the improvement of the school deserves emphatic commendation.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. F. MORRILL, *S. S. Committee.*

Thornton, March 1, 1875.



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